construction period in the profit and loss account. An amount of Rs. 21.07 crores incurred by the Company has been shown under the head 'incidental expenses during the construction period' in the Annual Report of the Company for 1988-89. The net loss of the Company for the year 1988-89 is Rs. 46.63 crores.

(c) Government have examined the matter. As per the standard accounting practice, the incidental expenditure druring construction period is shown separately in the accounts till commercial production starts. The Comptroller and Auditor General has audited the accounts of the Company for the year 1988-99 and has not given any adverse comments.

Revision of FERA and MRTP Act

815. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act and Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and also the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Proposals to amend the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) are under consideration of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs).

No final decision has yet been taken on the proposals to amend the MRTP Act, 1969.

Surrender of funds by National Airport Authority

816. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Airport Authority which is responsible for eficient aviation services has been surrendering funds provided for airport development and maintenance year after year;

(b) if so, what amounts were provided and surrendered every year, during the Seventh Plan period; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDTIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Utilisation of gas in G. S.-16 structure in Andhra Pradesh

817. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to utilise gas in C.S. 16 structure in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether ONGC has negotiated with Andhra Pradesh Government for developing communications in Krishna-Godavari Basin; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The GS-16 structure is located in the Offshors area of the Krishna-Godavari Basin. This structure is presently in the exploratory phase and

the assement of its production potential is in hand. The utilisation of gas from this structure can be taken up only after the techno-economic viability of exploitation of the gas is established.

(b) and (c) ONGC is carrying out exploration in West Godavari District in the "Island Block" which is formed by Vashista and Vainatayan branches of Godavari River. At present there is no bridge, and rigs are being transported through ferry. INGC have conveyed agreement for contribution of Rs. 6 crores for construction of a bridge across the Vashista branch of Godavari Rivet.

Vayudoot service at Vijayawada

818. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding unsatisfactory Vayudoot service at Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the service?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment of Indian nurses for AIDS treatment in U.S.A.

819. SHRI JOHN F. FERNJANDES:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian nurses are being recruited in India to be taken to U.S.A. to nurse AIDS patients as the American nurses have refused to do so due to the stigma and danger attached in treating such patients;

(b) if so, whether this recruitment is being done through proper channels;

(c) what is the number of trained nurses who migrated abroad during the last two years and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure that the Indian nurses abroad are not expiloited?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No request has been received for recruttment of nurses specifically for treatment of AIDS patients.

(c) As there is no requirement of emigration check, Government of India does not have any information on the same.

(d) In view of the shortage of nurses in India Government has not responded favourably to requests from any foreign based recruiting agencies for the recruitment of nurses. No specific instance has been brought to Government notice of exploitation of Indian nurses abroad.

Bulk drugs manufactured by M/s Infar

820. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs being produced by M/s. Infar;